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Title: Need to generate work-orders for Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. and Clear all pending dues of its workers.

SHRIMATI JHANSI LAKSHMI BOTCHA (BOBBILI): The Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh a PSU is under the control of the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, with over six decades of rich experience in ship building and ship repairs, construction, repairs of offshore and onshore structures and refit, modernization of submarines, now presents a rosy picture with an order book of about Rs.2000 crores, reinforced technology, improved productivity, improved financial condition and excellent industrial relationship. It is pertinent to mention that the HSL has overcome continuous crippling losses and averted a major financial crisis during the last 3 to 4 years. In the backdrop of expertise and experience of serving the domestic needs, HSL is poised for further growth in the coming years. In accordance with the decision of the Group of Ministers, HSL is now being taken over by the Ministry of Defence. Unless HSL receives continuous orders to generate the work for the employees, it would land itself in an idle situation.

The Ministry of Defence, therefore, should issue instructions to the Indian Navy and Coast guard, to place ship building orders immediately with HSL to ensure continuity of work to the employees, adequate working capital and payment of wages/salaries to the employees.

I would also request the Defence Ministry to clear all pending wage revision arrears to the extent of Rs.40 crores to over 5100 employees before transferring HSL to Ministry of Defence besides implementation of merger of 50 per cent DA with basic pay as per the Government's order of 28.02.2008.

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